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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS IN OCTOBER: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,037,500 in the middle of October, 1985, a strong net over-the-month increase of 17,200 people (+0.6 percent). Statewide seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,057,000 as of mid-October of this year, an impressive net monthly gain of 34,000 workers (+1.1 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MODEST GROWTH: Manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 815,100 in mid-October of this year, a noticeable net monthly gain of 800 workes (+0.1 percent). The durable goods sector accounted for 500 of that increase as most of its industry groups exhibited some kind of growth. Furniture and fixtures took the lead by adding 600 workers (+0.7 percent) over the month with the gain in total household furniture. Electrical machinery experienced an increase of 300 people (+0.5 percent) over the month due mainly to the addition of 200 workers in household appliances. Nonelectrical machinery, however, suffered a loss of 400 (-0.7 percent) due in part to the reduction of 100 workers in special industrial machinery. The nondurable goods sector grew by 300 from September to October, 1985, with minimal activity in most of the industry groups. Apparel and related products enjoyed a good increase of 700 persons (+0.8 percent), most of which was seen in men's and boys' clothing (+200) and women's and children's garments (+200). On the other hand, food and kindred products sustained a loss of 300 people (-0.6 percent) as meat products fell by 100 and beverages dropped by 200.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB: As of the middle of October of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,851,500, a net monthly gain of 18,200 people (+1.0 percent). The government sector showed the largest growth (+7,400) as all three of its components added workers: federal (+100); state (+3,900); and local (+3,400). The trade industry displayed a net over-the-month increase of 5,700 workers (+1.0 percent), the vast majority of which took place in the retail sector (+5,000) as merchants prepared for the Christmas selling season. Mining was the only nonmanufacturing industry group to suffer a monthly decline, down by just 100.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS OVER THE MONTH: Total unemployment (seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 140,000 as of the middle of October, 1985, a significant net monthly drop of 8,000 people (-5.4 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 4.7 percent in September of this year to 4.4 percent in October. On the other hand, North Carolina's unadjusted total unemployment level rose by 14,000 persons (+10.5 percent) over the month to 147,700. As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment climbed from 4.2 percent to 4.6 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.8 percent this October and 6.9 percent this September. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the Nation remained at 7.1 percent over the month.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	October, 1985	September, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,185,200	3,154,000
Employment	3,037,500	3,020,300
Unemployment	147,700	133,700
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,199,000	3,173,000
Employment	3,059,000	3,025,000
Unemployment	140,000	148,000
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.7
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.1

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS DECREASE WHILE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS INCREASE: In the middle of October, 1985, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers was $7.32, a slight net monthly drop of 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent) but a net over-the-year rise of 24¢ an hour (+3.4 percent). Workers in the durable goods sector also suffered a slight net over-the-month loss of 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent), falling to $7.53 this October. Workers in durable goods, however, gained 24¢ an hour (+3.3 percent) from a year ago. The net monthly gains in average hourly earnings by production workers in the specific durable goods industry groups were modest, with those in primary metals leading the way at 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $8.66. Production employees in furniture and fixtures averaged 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) more over the month, up to $6.70. Average hourly earnings of employees in the nondurable goods sector stayed the same at $7.19 from September to October of this year but did increase by 25¢ an hour (+3.6 percent) since October, 1984. The nondurable goods industry group workers which experienced the largest net monthly growth were those in chemicals, gaining 10¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to $9.79. The workers in the rubber industry received 4¢ an hour more (+0.4 percent) to reach $9.16 this October. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose $1.80 (+0.6 percent) to $295.73 from mid-September to mid-October of this year which amounted to a net over-the-year gain of $13.95 (+5.0 percent). In October, 1985, average weekly hours were 40.4, climbing over the month by 0.3 of an hour and over the year by 0.6 of an hour.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS NOTICEABLY: There were 192,221 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of October of this year, a large net monthly increase of 20,999 persons (+12.3 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector continued to be the largest applicant segment by age with 120,518 or 62.7 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four sector followed with 32,849 or 17.1 percent. The lowest number of active applicants occurred in the fifty-five and over segment with 10,183 or only 5.3 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 103,093 or 53.6 percent of the total. Whites who were not Hispanics comprised the largest ethnic group with 104,803 or 54.6 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of October 31, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
October 31, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	192,221	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	28,671	14.9
22 - 39	120,518	62.7
40 - 54	32,849	17.1
55 and Over	10,183	5.3
Sex		
Male	89,128	46.4
Female	103,093	53.6
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	104,803	54.6
Black, not Hispanic	82,132	42.7
Hispanic	1,438	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,860	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	988	0.5
Eligible Claimant	76,240	39.7
Veteran	33,525	17.4
Handicapped	12,921	6.7
Seasonal Farmworker	3,553	1.8
Welfare	27,384	14.2

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS CONTINUES TO DROP: There were 23,278 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during the month of October, 1985, a net over-the-month decline of 2,431 (-9.5 percent). Most of those openings were filled (18,759 or 80.6 percent). The occupational category with the largest number of job openings received in October was service, which had 3,835. A good percentage of those openings was filled (71.8 percent or 2,754). The miscellaneous sector followed with 3,405 job openings received and 2,979 or 87.5 percent filled. Farming, fishing, and forestry recorded the third highest number of job openings received in October with 3,213, all of which were filled. The lowest number of job openings received was once again in the professional, technical, and managerial segment, which had 879 and about half (433) of those were filled. From July 1, 1985, through October 31, 1985, there were 110,957 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, and 91,982 or 82.9 percent were filled. As of October 31, 1985, there were 16,635 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those job openings (10,380 or 62.4 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more and were, therefore, classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on North Carolina's job openings for October, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through October 31, 1985).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	October, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of October 31, 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	879	433	4,105	2,251	1,585	1,062
Clerical	2,503	1,697	11,432	8,041	2,211	1,340
Sales	1,288	906	3,907	2,288	1,185	796
Service	3,835	2,754	16,831	13,012	3,538	2,238
Domestic	240	194	1,127	921	137	98
Other Services	3,595	2,560	15,704	12,091	3,401	2,140
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	3,213	3,318	25,616	25,644	258	173
Processing	895	995	4,720	4,389	291	199
Machine Trades	1,857	1,257	6,760	4,906	1,713	1,008
Bench Work	2,213	2,059	8,404	7,632	1,436	764
Structural Work	3,190	2,361	14,421	11,391	2,688	1,790
Miscellaneous	3,405	2,979	14,761	12,428	1,730	1,010
Motor Freight and Trans.	491	357	2,319	1,510	492	313
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,798	2,526	12,092	10,660	1,159	650
Other	116	96	350	258	79	47
Total	23,278	18,759	110,957	91,982	16,635	10,380

1/ July 1, 1985, through October 31, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (Thous.)	September 1985* (Thous.)	October 1984 (Thous.)	September 1985	October 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,666.6	2,647.6	2,615.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	815.1	814.3	830.8	+ 0.1	- 1.9
DURABLE GOODS	329.0	328.5	333.8	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	36.0	35.9	36.8	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.7	12.8	13.2	- 0.8	- 3.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	9.1	0	- 5.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.0	4.9	4.4	+ 2.0	+ 13.6
Furniture & Fixtures	83.3	82.7	83.9	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Household Furniture	73.1	72.5	74.0	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	36.0	35.8	37.4	+ 0.6	- 3.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.4	31.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	18.8	19.0	+ 1.1	0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.8	26.7	0	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.6	0	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.5	53.9	55.4	- 0.7	- 3.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.2	7.6	- 1.4	- 6.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.9	62.6	64.0	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Household Appliances	5.2	5.0	6.2	+ 4.0	- 16.1
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.7	21.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.7	15.8	- 0.7	- 7.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.1	485.8	497.0	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	46.6	46.9	45.3	- 0.6	+ 2.9
Meat Products	19.5	19.6	18.5	- 0.5	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.7	2.6	- 11.1	- 7.7
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.4	6.6	6.2	- 3.0	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	27.2	27.1	28.1	+ 0.4	- 3.2
Cigarettes	19.8	20.0	19.9	- 1.0	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	7.0	6.7	7.7	+ 4.5	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	205.6	205.5	212.9	**	- 3.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.9	58.7	0	- 11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.5	26.5	29.2	0	- 9.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	24.7	28.7	0	- 13.9
Knitting Mills	76.7	76.9	75.3	- 0.3	+ 1.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	23.2	21.9	- 1.3	+ 4.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.6	22.1	+ 0.5	- 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.5	14.4	13.7	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	13.8	14.5	+ 0.7	- 4.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.6	50.5	51.6	+ 0.2	- 1.9

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October, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (Thous.)	September* 1985 (Thous.)	October 1984 (Thous.)	September 1985	October 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.0	89.3	91.8	+ 0.8	- 2.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.3	29.1	30.1	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.6	39.4	41.2	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.2	22.1	- 0.5	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.4	10.8	- 1.0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.5	7.5	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	24.8	24.8	24.5	0	+ 1.2
Newspapers	9.5	9.4	9.2	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.3	36.4	37.9	- 0.3	- 4.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.7	13.2	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.1	29.2	29.9	- 0.3	- 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,351.5	1,833.3	1,785.0	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
MINING	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 2.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	153.5	151.8	142.5	+ 1.1	+ 7.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.6	131.4	130.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.7	72.3	70.9	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.2	54.2	54.1	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	585.6	579.9	566.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade	135.7	135.0	135.9	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.5	79.7	78.6	- 0.3	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.2	55.4	57.3	+ 1.4	- 1.9
Retail Trade	449.9	444.9	430.5	+ 1.1	+ 4.5
General Merchandise Stores	58.0	56.7	56.3	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Food Stores	67.9	67.4	67.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.5	111.0	106.1	+ 0.5	+ 5.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	429.0	426.3	407.2	+ 0.6	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.8	25.8	24.8	0	+ 4.0
Personal Services	27.4	27.3	25.9	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.2	11.2	10.9	0	+ 2.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	435.5	428.1	427.9	+ 1.7	+ 1.8
Federal	51.7	51.6	50.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
State	127.2	123.3	126.3	+ 3.2	+ 0.7
Education	66.8	62.8	64.9	+ 6.4	+ 2.9
Other	60.4	60.5	61.4	- 0.2	- 1.6
Local	256.6	253.1	251.5	+ 1.4	+ 2.0
Education	140.7	137.5	137.8	+ 2.3	+ 2.1
Other	115.9	115.6	113.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (thous)	September* 1985 (thous)	October 1984 (thous)	September 1985	October 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,637.3	2,623.4	2,585.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	809.4	807.0	822.9	+ 0.3	- 1.6
DURABLE GOODS	326.9	326.6	331.6	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.4	36.3	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.7	13.1	- 0.8	- 3.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	9.0	0	- 5.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+14.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.6	83.3	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Household Furniture	72.7	72.4	73.6	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	35.6	35.3	37.0	+ 0.8	- 3.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.5	31.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.5	18.8	+ 1.6	0
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.5	+ 3.8	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.5	26.3	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.5	8.5	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.7	54.0	55.6	- 0.6	- 3.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.2	7.6	- 1.4	- 6.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.3	62.0	63.4	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Household Appliances	4.7	4.5	5.6	+ 4.4	-16.1
Transportation Equipment	21.9	21.7	21.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.4	14.7	15.6	- 2.0	- 7.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	482.5	480.4	491.3	+ 0.4	- 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	45.8	46.2	44.5	- 0.9	+ 2.9
Meat Products	19.5	19.5	18.5	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.7	2.6	-11.1	- 7.7
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.5	6.6	6.3	- 1.5	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.9	24.4	24.6	- 2.0	- 2.8
Cigarettes	20.2	20.3	20.3	- 0.5	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.3	4.0	4.7	+ 7.5	- 8.5
Textile Mill Products	204.8	204.5	212.1	+ 0.1	- 3.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.7	58.7	+ 0.4	-11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.7	26.7	29.4	0	- 9.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	24.5	28.7	+ 0.8	-13.9
Knitting Mills	76.5	76.4	75.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	23.2	21.9	- 1.3	+ 4.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.5	22.1	+ 0.9	- 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.5	13.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.7	7.0	+ 1.5	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.7	13.8	14.3	- 0.7	- 4.2
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.1	50.3	51.5	- 0.4	- 2.7

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (thous)	September* 1985 (thous)	October 1984 (thous)	September 1985	October 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.9	88.3	90.9	+ 2.9	0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.1	28.7	29.9	+ 1.4	- 2.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.4	39.2	41.0	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.1	22.1	0	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	10.8	0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.5	0	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	24.9	25.1	24.6	- 0.8	+ 1.2
Newspapers	9.5	9.5	9.2	0	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.6	36.5	38.2	+ 0.3	- 4.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.9	13.4	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	28.8	29.8	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,827.9	1,816.4	1,762.4	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
MINING	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 2.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	150.3	147.2	139.6	+ 2.1	+ 7.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.1	131.0	129.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.8	71.9	70.1	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.3	54.4	54.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	577.6	574.2	558.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade	132.2	132.0	132.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.5	79.8	78.6	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.7	52.2	53.7	+ 1.0	- 1.9
Retail Trade	445.4	442.2	426.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
General Merchandise Stores	57.8	57.4	56.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Food Stores	67.2	66.7	66.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.5	110.7	106.1	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	426.4	422.1	404.8	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.2	24.7	24.2	+ 2.0	+ 4.1
Personal Services	27.9	27.8	26.3	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.1	11.2	10.8	- 0.9	+ 2.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.3	426.4	419.0	- 0.02	+ 1.7
Federal	52.1	51.9	50.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
State	123.3	125.0	122.5	- 1.4	+ 0.7
Education	62.5	64.0	60.7	- 2.3	+ 3.0
Other	60.8	61.0	61.8	- 0.3	- 1.6
Local	250.9	249.5	246.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Education	133.6	133.1	130.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Other	117.3	116.4	115.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985	September * 1985	October 1984	September 1985	October 1984
MANUFACTURING	645.6	644.3	664.9	+ 0.2	- 2.9
DURABLE GOODS	247.6	246.9	255.6	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	31.0	30.9	32.0	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.6	8.0	- 1.3	- 6.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.9	3.6	+ 2.6	+ 11.1
Furniture & Fixtures	73.3	72.9	74.8	+ 0.5	- 2.0
Household Furniture	64.8	64.4	66.5	+ 0.6	- 2.6
Wood Household Furniture	32.8	32.7	34.4	+ 0.3	- 4.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.5	15.4	15.8	+ 0.6	- 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	20.2	20.2	19.8	0	+ 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.5	26.7	28.2	- 0.7	- 6.0
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.9	5.2	- 2.0	- 7.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.2	43.9	47.3	+ 0.7	- 6.6
Household Appliances	4.6	4.3	5.6	+ 7.0	- 17.9
Transportation Equipment	17.5	17.5	17.1	0	+ 2.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	398.0	397.4	409.3	+ 0.2	- 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	32.6	32.8	31.4	- 0.6	+ 3.8
Meat Products	17.3	17.4	16.3	- 0.6	+ 6.1
Meat Packing	1.7	1.9	1.9	- 10.5	- 10.5
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 7.7
~~Grain~~ Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 2.2
Beverages	2.5	2.6	2.4	- 3.8	+ 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.7	21.6	22.8	+ 0.5	- 4.8
Cigarettes	15.6	15.8	15.8	- 1.3	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.7	5.4	6.6	+ 5.6	- 13.6
Textile Mill Products	182.1	181.9	188.9	+ 0.1	- 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.8	45.8	52.1	0	- 12.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.3	23.3	26.0	0	- 10.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.0	22.0	25.6	0	- 14.1
Knitting Mills	68.1	68.3	66.6	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.7	21.0	19.9	- 1.4	+ 4.0
Hosiery, NEC	19.8	19.7	20.2	+ 0.5	- 2.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.4	12.3	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.7	11.6	12.1	+ 0.9	- 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.1	46.0	47.2	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.5	78.0	81.2	+ 0.6	- 3.3
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.4	25.3	27.2	+ 0.4	- 6.6
Women's & Children's Garments	34.5	34.3	35.9	+ 0.6	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.8	16.7	0	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.7	8.0	- 2.6	- 6.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Printing & Publishing	15.3	15.3	15.3	0	0
Newspapers	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 2.9	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.4	23.3	24.8	+ 0.4	- 5.6
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	9.0	8.8	9.1	+ 2.3	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	23.8	24.0	24.5	- 0.8	- 2.9
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.7	+ 2.7	+ 2.7

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
OCTOBER, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	October 1985	September 1985	October 1984	October 1985	September 1985	October 1984	October 1985	September 1985	October 1984
MANUFACTURING	$295.73	$293.93	$281.78	40.4	40.1	39.8	$ 7.32	$ 7.33	$ 7.08
DURABLE GOODS	308.73	306.88	299.62	41.0	40.7	41.1	7.53	7.54	7.29
Lumber & Wood Products	257.00	261.40	244.20	40.6	41.1	40.7	6.33	6.36	6.00
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	250.92	249.69	235.42	41.0	41.0	40.8	6.12	6.09	5.77
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	292.32	287.34	277.29	41.7	40.7	39.5	7.01	7.06	7.02
Furniture & Fixtures	268.00	262.52	251.54	40.0	39.3	39.8	6.70	6.68	6.32
Household Furniture	266.40	262.01	251.14	40.0	39.4	39.8	6.66	6.65	6.31
Wood Household Furniture	255.73	251.93	241.79	40.4	39.8	39.9	6.33	6.33	6.06
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	327.54	336.76	330.33	41.2	42.2	42.9	7.95	7.98	7.70
Structural Clay Products	252.06	285.71	275.10	38.6	42.9	44.3	6.53	6.66	6.21
Primary Metal Industries	369.78	365.49	344.92	42.7	42.4	42.9	8.66	8.62	8.04
Fabricated Metal Products	326.63	325.14	331.27	42.2	41.9	42.2	7.74	7.76	7.85
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	346.10	355.32	357.83	41.8	42.3	42.7	8.28	8.40	8.38
Special Industry Machinery	318.35	320.31	308.25	40.4	40.7	40.4	7.88	7.87	7.63
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	340.66	335.20	338.25	40.7	40.0	41.2	8.37	8.38	8.21
Household Appliances	286.81	282.63	270.85	43.0	41.2	41.1	6.67	6.86	6.59
Transportation Equipment	359.07	354.90	338.44	42.9	42.0	42.2	8.37	8.45	8.02
NONDURABLE GOODS	288.32	285.44	270.66	40.1	39.7	39.0	7.19	7.19	6.94
Food & Kindred Products	265.51	272.41	250.11	41.1	41.4	39.7	6.46	6.58	6.30
Meat Products	220.09	223.44	201.75	39.8	39.9	37.5	5.53	5.60	5.38
Meat Packing	276.04	354.57	323.57	41.2	44.6	42.8	6.70	7.95	7.56
Dairy Products	287.54	303.74	258.58	43.5	45.2	42.6	6.61	6.72	6.07
Grain Mill Products	305.90	307.82	302.93	43.7	44.1	43.4	7.00	6.98	6.98
Bakery Products	296.84	308.37	281.11	41.4	42.3	40.8	7.17	7.29	6.89
Beverages	490.91	495.32	464.95	43.1	43.8	42.5	11.39	11.31	10.94
Tobacco Manufacturers	457.34	444.46	403.06	38.4	37.1	39.4	11.91	11.98	10.23
Cigarettes	545.40	525.69	506.40	36.0	35.4	37.4	15.15	14.85	13.54
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	222.61	217.46	203.51	44.7	41.9	43.3	4.98	5.19	4.70
Textile Mill Products	262.60	259.20	241.40	40.4	40.0	38.5	6.50	6.48	6.27
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	297.25	294.76	278.47	41.0	40.6	40.3	7.25	7.26	6.91
Weaving Mills, Cotton	303.62	299.60	276.69	40.7	40.0	40.1	7.46	7.49	6.90
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	289.93	288.81	279.86	41.3	41.2	40.5	7.02	7.01	6.91
Knitting Mills	231.72	227.78	214.97	38.3	37.9	37.0	6.05	6.01	5.81
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	203.90	210.24	198.39	35.4	36.5	35.3	5.76	5.76	5.62
Hosiery, NEC	231.55	226.42	207.92	38.4	37.8	36.8	6.03	5.99	5.65
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	249.10	249.48	233.63	38.8	38.5	37.5	6.42	6.48	6.23
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	313.02	275.85	262.20	47.0	42.9	40.4	6.66	6.43	6.49
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	287.05	284.34	254.66	42.4	42.0	39.3	6.77	6.77	6.48
Yarn & Thread Mills	264.60	261.25	225.22	42.0	41.6	37.6	6.30	6.28	5.99
Apparel & Other Textile Products	194.02	193.88	185.37	37.6	37.5	37.0	5.16	5.17	5.01
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	188.32	190.08	177.61	35.6	36.0	35.1	5.29	5.28	5.06
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.85	183.00	178.56	37.7	37.5	37.2	4.85	4.88	4.80
Paper & Allied Products	501.52	497.93	505.35	44.5	44.3	45.0	11.27	11.24	11.23
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	647.01	637.37	672.59	44.9	45.3	47.6	14.41	14.07	14.13
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	368.47	370.35	331.25	45.1	45.0	43.3	8.17	8.23	7.65
Printing & Publishing	332.42	329.87	309.27	39.2	38.9	39.0	8.48	8.48	7.93
Newspapers	277.70	277.26	279.20	34.2	34.4	34.3	8.12	8.06	8.14
Chemicals & Allied Products	407.26	403.10	382.44	41.6	41.6	41.3	9.79	9.69	9.26
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	444.58	442.47	443.98	42.1	42.1	43.4	10.56	10.51	10.23
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	381.06	373.01	370.71	41.6	40.9	41.7	9.16	9.12	8.89
MINING	400.00	411.00	368.61	48.9	50.0	46.6	8.18	8.22	7.91
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	486.78	487.62	458.58	42.7	42.0	41.5	11.40	11.61	11.05
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.67	197.88	192.40	32.4	32.6	32.5	6.07	6.07	5.92
Wholesale Trade	300.27	297.96	293.92	39.2	39.0	39.4	7.66	7.64	7.46
Retail Trade	168.06	170.63	164.63	30.5	30.8	30.6	5.51	5.54	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	160.40	162.35	146.41	28.9	29.2	29.4	5.55	5.56	4.98
Food Stores	183.22	188.52	190.89	32.2	32.9	32.3	5.69	5.73	5.91
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.96	140.45	137.41	31.2	30.8	31.3	4.55	4.56	4.39
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	200.02	194.92	196.79	36.7	35.7	37.2	5.45	5.46	5.29

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